

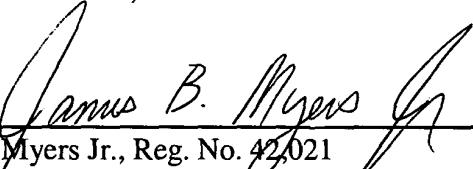
**REMARKS**

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the amendments, this application will contain claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 24-29, and 34-50 pending and under consideration.

Applicants believe that the claimed invention is patentable and request timely consideration leading to allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about this submission or other matters, which may be addressed in that fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

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